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1. The amendment filed on September 16, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

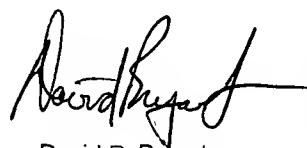
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) disapproved. See explanation below.

- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

As noted in the attached NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW (PTO 948), the formal drawings filed January 10, 2001, and September 16, 2002, have been disapproved. As noted on the PTO 948, (1) the gray shading in Figures 1-4, 10, and 11 must be removed, and (2) all descriptive matter in the drawing sheets (i.e., Appn. Number: 08/580,493/GAU:3726 on each sheet, and the copyright designation below each of the Figures) must be removed from the drawings. Once these changes are made to the drawings, the drawings will be acceptable.

Regarding the substitute specification, the examiner has already approved entry thereof, as noted in Paper No. 90, mailed to applicant on October 28, 2002.



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